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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) (during the vote). Members

are reminded that there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the 'Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building'.".

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform you I have been unavoidably detained, due to airline transportation delays, and will not be present for votes today, April 7, 2003.

However, if I had been present, I would have voted "Yea" on rollcall vote Nos. 109, 110, and 111.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON S. 342, KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE ACT OF 2003

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 342) to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and for other purposes, with the House amendment thereto, insist on the House amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio? The Chair hears none and, without objection, appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BOEHNER, HOEK-STRA, PORTER, GREENWOOD, NORWOOD, GINGREY, BURNS, GEORGE MILLER of California, HINOJOSA, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. RYAN of Ohio and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 660

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.Ř. 660.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF S. 380. POST-AL CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING REFORM ACT OF 2003

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House S. 380; that the bill be considered as read for amendment; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except for (1) 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform; (2) the amendment numbered 1 to H.R. 735 in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD if offered by Representative WAXMAN of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment or a demand for division of the question; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions; and that following passage of S. 380, H.R. 735 shall be laid upon the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

HONORING U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST JAMAAL ADDISON

(Mr. SCOTT of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise on a very, very special occasion. The very first soldier to be killed in the war in Iraq from the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area was from my district, the 13th district of Congress in Georgia. His name was United States Army Specialist Jamaal Addison. He died on March 23 during an ambush attack on his unit, the 507th Maintenance Company in central Iraq.

Oh, what courage, what bravery, and here we are in the United States so proud and so grateful for his service. He was just 22 years old, and he is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Takla, and their two children, 3-year-old daughter, Christian, and a 23-month-old son, Jamaal Addison, II.

Army Specialist Addison was laid to rest today at a funeral service held in my district at White's Chapel Methodist Church in Conyers, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, this was a great hero. Greatness, what a word, that comes to mind today.

When Aristotle, the great philosopher was asked, what is greatness, he said, in order to be great, you must first of all know yourself. Well, Jamaal Addison knew who he was and he knew whose he was. He was a child of God.

When that question was put to the great Roman General. Marcus Aurelius, what is greatness, he said, in order to be great you must first of all discipline yourself. Well, this soldier, Jamaal Addison, disciplined himself on the battlefields of Iraq and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

But then the question was put to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, what makes a great person? And Jesus replied and said, You must first of all sacrifice yourself. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. Jamaal Addison did that. Because he gave the greatest love of all, and that is this: he laid down his life for his friends, his friends and this Nation and around the world who want liberty and love peace.

God bless this great soldier, Jamaal Addison.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID BLOOM, NBC NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to David Bloom of NBC News. In the passing of David Bloom, we lost a thoughtful, passionate and courageous journalist. Yet he was more than a journalist, more than a face on NBC News. He was a husband, father, colleague, and a wonderful friend.

I met David Bloom for the first time several years ago. He was someone who was very special and very eager to learn more about the civil rights movement. David Bloom was born in 1963, the same year Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his historic "I Have a Dream' speech at the March on Washington.

David was 2 years old when thousands of men, women, and children marched from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965.

I will never forget the day that David called me. He said, Congressman LEWIS, this has nothing to do with business. This is personal.

He was driving from New York to Washington, listening to a tape of me giving an introduction to the speech Dr. King delivered at the end of the Selma-to-Montgomery march. He talked about how the speech touched him personally.

I want to say, Madam Speaker, David Bloom's true greatness was yet to come. He was truly a wonderful, talented, and just smart human being. He had energy and vigor. When he was reporting a story, he did more than talk. He used facial expressions and moved his arm and hands to tell its meaning.